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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1976

FROM INGERSOLL

AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER CAME IN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO
EXPRESS SWEDEN'S DEEP CONCERN OVER A RECENT INTERNATIONAL
TRADE COMMISSION FINDING THAT U.S. INDUSTRY IS BEING
INJURED BY IMPORTS OF STAINLESS AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL,
AND RECOMMENDING THE IMPOSITION OF ABSOLUTE QUOTAS ON
THESE PRODUCTS FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. I TOLD WACHT-
MEISTER THAT AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE IS NOW REVIEWING
ALL PERTINENT FACTORS, THAT THE SWEDISH INTERVENTION
WAS THEREFORE TIMELY, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS
SYMPATHETIC TO THE POSITION HE SET FORTH. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ULTIMATELY GOING TO THE PRESIDENT
WILL INCLUDE OPTIONS THE SWEDES WILL FIND ACCEPTABLE.

MARTY HILLENBRAND CAME IN TO DISCUSS OUR RELATIONS WITH
THE FRG AND THE PRESENT GERMAN SCENE. FOR THE FIRST TIME
SINCE WORLD WAR II, NATIONAL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE

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DURING THE SAME YEAR IN BOTH THE U.S. AND THE FRG.

MARTY SEES A LESSENING OF OUR ABILITY TO SETTLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN A LOW-KEY WAY WHILE ELECTION FEVER IS ENDEMIC IN BOTH COUNTRIES. HE HAS BEEN COUNSELING THE GERMANS TO AVOID ALLOWING BERLIN TO BECOME AN ISSUE. MARTY NOTES THE BEGINNING OF AN UPSWING IN THE FRG ECONOMY AND ALSO ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE A REASONABLE CHANCE OF GETTING THE "INGREDIENTS" OF AN OFFSET AGREEMENT IF WE AVOID LABELING IT AS SUCH.

I LUNCHEONED WITH ART HARTMAN AND HIS DEPUTIES, IN ONE OF MY PERIODIC SESSIONS WITH BUREAU LEADERSHIP. AFTER A QUICK REVIEW OF CURRENT TROUBLE SPOTS, WE TALKED PRIMARILY ABOUT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS, INCLUDING MORE PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN EUR AND THE FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS, ESPECIALLY EB, H AND PA.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: SMALL GROUP MEETING; CALL BY OUR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, AND ELLIOT RICHARDSON'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

TOMORROW: CALLS BY NEW ISRAELI DCM AND PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION, AND LUNCHEON WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

FROM EAGLEBURGER

I DISAPPROVED AMBASSADOR PORTER'S REQUEST FOR A MINISTERIAL TITLE FOR HIS DCM IN JIDDA.

I APPROVED THE DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S 1961 LETTER TO AMBASSADORS, IN WHICH HE GIVES THEM CLEAR AUTHORITY OVER ALL MISSION PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF AGENCY.

FROM SONNENFELDT

I MET AT LENGTH WITH THE GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REVIEWED FOR THEM SALT DEVELOPMENTS AND OVERALL US-SOVIET RELATIONS. BILL HYLAND FILLED THEM IN ON SALT WORK IN PROGRESS. THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT PROGRESS WAS
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MADE IN YOUR TALKS WITH BREZHNEV. I ALSO URGED THEM IN THEIR PRIVATE CAPACITIES TO POINT OUT THE INACCURACIES THAT PERVADE CURRENT ALLEGATIONS OF SOVIET SALT VIOLATIONS, SUCH AS THE CHARGE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BUILT 200 MISSILE SILOS ABOVE THE INTERIM AGREEMENT CEILING.

I MET WITH GEORGES SUFFERT OF LE POINT AND GAVE HIM A PREVIEW OF YOUR TWO WESTERN SPEECHES. HE SAYS THERE IS

A GENERAL SENSE IN FRANCE THAT THE US IS PARALYZED.
DRAWING ON YOUR SPEECHES I TRIED TO PUT OUR PROBLEMS IN
PERSPECTIVE AND TO INDICATE THE WAYS IN WHICH WE HOPE
TO GET OURSELVES UNTRACKED.

THE SWISS CHARGE CAME IN TO REVIEW YOUR MOSCOW TRIP.

AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND STOPPED IN FOR A TALK. HE FEELS
WE WILL HAVE TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH SCHMIDT TO MOVE THE
OFFSET ISSUE ALONG. AS IT HAPPENS, EUR TODAY GAVE THE
GERMANS SOME ADDITIONAL IDEAS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH OFFSET
FOLLOW-ON, INCLUDING IN THE AREA OF SUPPORT FOR THE
BRIGADE THAT IS TO BE MOVED TO THE BREMEN AREA.

WE COMPLETED THE ANGOLA ASSESSMENT, UPDATING THE VERSION
YOU SAW OVER THE WEEKEND, AND I PASSED IT TODAY ON A
CLOSE-HOLD BASIS TO THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN
AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR MINISTERS. INGERSOLL

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